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SUBJECT:ASSESSMENT OF FAA EXPERIENCE WITH UNIVAC

THIS IS IN RESPONSE TO QUESTIONS ASKED OF MR. CHARLES
O. CARY, ASSISTANT ADMINISTRATOR FOR INTERNATIONAL AVIATION
AFFAIRS, AT A RECENT ICAO CONFERENCE. PLEASE PASS TO OTTO
B. KUBIN, MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT, DIVISION I/3.

QUOTE:

A. FAA EXPERIENCE WITH UNIVAC (GENERAL)

1. TIME SCHEDULES:

SATISFACTORY. WE HAVE RUN INTO SOME PROBLEMS, HOWEVER,
MOST PROBLEMS AROSE WHEN WE (FAA) CHANGED REQUIREMENTS IN
MID-STREAM.

2. FINANCIAL FRAMES:

GENERALLY CLOSE TO ESTIMATES.

3. WILLINGNESS TO COPE WITH SPECIAL NEEDS OF CUSTOMER:

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EXCELLENT. THEY ARE WILLING TO CHANGE IN ALMOST ANY DIREC-
TION THE CUSTOMER DESIRES, BUT IT SOMETIMES COSTS TIME AND
MONEY.

4. COOPERATION DURING THE DETAILED FUNCTIONAL SPECIFI-
CATION PHASE (AFTER CONTRACT HAS BEEN SIGNED):
VERY COOPERATIVE.

5. QUALITY OF PROJECT MANAGEMENT:

GOOD. IT IS COMPARABLE TO OTHER CONTRACTORS WE HAVE WORKED WITH. IT COMES DOWN TO HOW WELL YOU (THE CUSTOMERS) KNOW WHAT YOU WANT.

B. EXPERIENCE WITH UNIVAC EQUIPMENT, ESPECIALLY WITH IOP-B

1. RELIABILITY:

EXCELLENT. FAA HAS BEEN USING THIS PIECE OF EQUIPMENT FOR THE LAST 15 YEARS.

2. MAINTENANCE:

LOW MAINTENANCE COST.

3. EASE TO PROGRAM THIS MACHINE:

IT HAS ITS OWN SPECIAL LANGUAGE BUT IS EASY TO PROGRAM.

4. EFFECTIVENESS OF PROGRAM LANGUAGE USED:

VERY EFFECTIVE AND WITH LOW MAINTENANCE.

C. FAA PLANS FOR THE FUTURE

1. OPERATIONS OF IOP FAMILY:

THESE COMPUTER SYSTEMS WILL BE USED BEYOND THE 1990 TIME FRAME.

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2. ENHANCEMENTS:

AT THIS TIME, WE ARE IN THE MIDDLE OF AN EXTENSIVE ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM FOR OUR TERMINAL ARTS SYSTEM. WE EXPECT TO HAVE OPERATIONAL WITHIN THE NEXT TWO YEARS, E-ARTS FACILITIES IN: LAS VEGAS, HONOLULU, ANCHORAGE, AND SAN JUAN.

THE ABOVE SYSTEMS ARE MODULAR AND WE EXPECT TO CONTINUE UPDATING AND USING THEM BEYOND 1990. UNQUOTE. CHRISTOPHER

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